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Dowry System
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware regarding the extent of prevalence of dowry system in the country;
(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
(c) the steps taken by the Government to curb the same during the last two years?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
(SHRI VIJAY SAMPLA)

(a) and (b): According to information provided by the Ministry of Women and Child Development, as per the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) data, a total number of 9038, 10709 and 10050 cases have been registered under the Dowry Prohibition Act, 1961 during 2012, 2013 and 2014 respectively. Similarly, a total number of 8233, 8033 and 8455 cases were registered under Dowry Death in the country during 2012, 2013 and 2014 respectively. The State/UT-wise details regarding number of cases registered under Dowry Prohibition Act, 1961 and cases registered of Dowry Death during 2012, 2013 and 2014 is at annexure.

(c): The Ministry of Women and Child Development reviews with the States/UTs time to time for effective implementation of the Dowry Prohibition Act, 1961. Further, Government of India regularly conducts awareness generation programmes and publicity campaigns on various laws relating to women including Dowry Prohibition Act, 1961 through workshops, fairs, cultural programmes, seminars, training programmes etc. Advertisements are regularly brought out in the print and electronic media to create awareness on laws relating to rights of women.

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